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Listing of Claims:

1. (previously presented): A method comprising:
receiving a request from a user corresponding to a specific content wherein duplicates of said specific content, or related to said specific content, are retained across multiple devices configured for communicating with one another over a network;
reviewing a record associated with the specific content in response to the request and analyzing the associated record to determine what duplicate or related content is available across the multiple devices;
selectively transmitting a confirmation for the request based on said reviewing and the presence of any duplicate or related content; and
performing the request in response to receiving the request and instruction from the user in responding to said confirmation.
2. (previously presented): The method according to Claim 1 wherein the reviewing further comprises using a preference corresponding with the request to determine whether the confirmation is transmitted.
3. (previously presented): The method according to Claim 2 wherein said preference determines utilization of any duplicate or related content based on the type of request.
4. (previously presented): The method according to Claim 1 wherein said confirmation presents the user with options as to which content to use for performing said request in response to the presence of duplicate or related content.

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5. (previously presented): The method according to Claim 1 wherein said specific content includes one from the group of content items consisting of a photograph, music, a document, and a video.

6. (previously presented): The method according to Claim 1 wherein the request includes one from the group of request types consisting of saving, deleting, modifying, and printing of the specific content.

7. (original): The method according to Claim 1 further comprising storing the preference in a storage device.

8. (original): The method according to Claim 1 further comprising storing the record in a storage device.

9. (previously presented): The method according to Claim 1 wherein the confirmation asks the user for authorization for executing the request.

10. (previously presented): A system comprising:
means for receiving a request from a user corresponding to a specific content wherein duplicates of said specific content, or related to said specific content, are retained across multiple devices configured for communicating with one another over a network;

means for reviewing a record associated with the specific content in response to the request and analyzing the associated record to determine what duplicate or related content is available across said multiple devices;

means for selectively transmitting a confirmation for the request based on the reviewing and the presence of any duplicate or related content; and

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means for performing the request based on receiving the request and instruction from the user in responding to said confirmation.

Claims 11-16 (canceled).

17. (previously presented): A system, comprising:
an interface module configured for receiving a request specifying content;
said interface module is configured for communicating over a network between one or more client devices and a server device;
said specific content, duplicates of said specific content, and/or content related to said specific content, is retained across multiple devices configured for communicating over the network;
a storage module configured for storing a preference wherein the preference corresponds to types of request and includes at least one criteria for performing the request;
a review module configured for analyzing the specific content and a corresponding record in light of the request to determine what duplicate or related content is available across the system containing the multiple devices;
said review module configured for selectively transmitting a confirmation for the request based on the analysis and the presence of duplicate or related content and the preference for determining whether the request is performed; and
said review module executes the request based on receiving the request and instruction from the user in responding to said confirmation; and
a control module configured for coordinating tasks, requests, and communications between said interface module, storage module, and review module.

18. (original): The system according to Claim 17 further comprising a capture module configured to identify the content.

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19. (previously presented): The system according to Claim 17 wherein the content includes one from the group of content items consisting of a photograph, music, a document, and a video.

20. (previously presented): The system according to Claim 17 wherein the interface module is configured to provide a confirmation based on the criteria for performing the request as contained in said preference, said confirmation configured for confirming that the user desires to proceed with performing the request.

21. (original): The system according to Claim 17 wherein the storage module is configured to store the record.

22. (original): The system according to Claim 17 wherein the storage module is configured to store the content.

23. (previously presented): The system according to Claim 17 wherein the request includes one from the group of request types consisting of saving, deleting, modifying, and printing of the content.

24. (previously presented): A computer-readable medium having computer executable instructions for performing a method, comprising:

receiving a request from a user corresponding to a specific content wherein duplicates of said specific content, or related to said specific content, are retained across multiple devices configured for communicating with one another over a network;

reviewing a record associated with the specific content in response to the request and analyzing the associated record to determine what duplicate or related content is available across the multiple devices;

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selectively transmitting a confirmation for the request based on said reviewing and the presence of any duplicate or related content;

performing the request based on receiving the request and instruction from the user in responding to said confirmation.

25. (previously presented): A system for synchronizing and tracking content, comprising:

- a server configured for communication over a network;
- a client device configured for communication over the network with said server;
- an electronic processor in said client device, said server, or in both said client device and said server; and

- programming executable on said electronic processor for,

- receiving a request specifying specific content,

- communicating over the network between said client device and said server device and at least one other client device connected to the network,

- said specific content, duplicates of said specific content, and/or content related to said specific content, is retained across multiple client devices configured for communicating over the network,

- analyzing the specific content and a corresponding record associated with the specific content in response to said request and determining the availability of duplicate or related content on devices connected to the network,

- transmitting a confirmation for the request when duplicate or related content is available,

- receiving instruction from the user in responding to said confirmation,
 - executing the request based on instruction.

26. (previously presented): A system for synchronizing and tracking content, comprising:

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a server configured for communication over a network;
a client device configured for communication over the network with said server;
an electronic processor in said client device, said server, or in both said client device and said server; and
programming executable on said electronic processor for,
 storing a preference setting for one or more types of requests, said preference including at least one criteria for performing the request;
 receiving a request from a user specifying specific content,
 communicating over the network between said client device and said server and at least one other client device connected to the network,
 said specific content, duplicates of said specific content, and/or content related to said specific content, is retained across multiple client devices configured for communicating over the network,
 analyzing the specific content and a corresponding record associated with the specific content in response to said request and determining the availability of duplicate or related content on devices connected to the network,
 transmitting a confirmation for the request based on the preference setting when duplicate or related content is available,
 receiving instruction from the preference setting, and/or from the user in responding to said confirmation, as to how to execute said request,
 executing the request in response to said instruction.

27. (previously presented): An apparatus for synchronizing and tracking content, comprising:

a client device configured for communication over the network with a server and/or at least one other client device;
an electronic processor in said client device; and
programming executable on said electronic processor for,

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receiving a request specifying specific content,
communicating over the network between said client device and a server
and/or at least one other client device connected to the network,
said specific content, duplicates of said specific content, and/or content
related to said specific content, is retained across the server and/or multiple
client devices configured for communicating over the network,
analyzing the specific content and a corresponding record associated with
the specific content in response to said request and determining the availability of
duplicate or related content on servers and/or client devices connected to the
network,
transmitting a confirmation for the request when duplicate or related
content is available,
receiving instruction from the user in responding to said confirmation,
executing the request based on said instruction.

28. (previously presented): An apparatus for synchronizing and tracking
content, comprising:

a server configured for communication over a network with client devices;
an electronic processor in said server; and
programming executable on said electronic processor for,
receiving a request specifying specific content,
communicating over the network between said server and at least one
said client device connected to the network,
said specific content, duplicates of said specific content, and/or content
related to said specific content, is retained across said server and at least one
said client device configured for communicating over the network,

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analyzing the specific content and a corresponding record associated with the specific content in response to said request and determining the availability of duplicate or related content on client devices connected to the network,

transmitting a confirmation for the request when duplicate or related content is available,

receiving instruction from the user in responding to said confirmation, executing the request based on said instruction.